

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are currently pending in the present applications, with Claims 1, 2, and 7-9 being amended, and new Claims 10-13 being added. Reconsideration and reexamination of the amended claims are respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 3-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Panveno (U.S. Patent No. 4,339,034) in view of Brody (U.S. Patent No. 2,777,574). The Examiner also rejected Claims 2 and 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references cited above and further in view of Colangelo (U.S. Patent No. 4,473,153). These rejections are respectfully traversed with respect to the amended claims.

The present invention is directed to a system for the mailing of digital media such as DVDs or compact discs so as to provide protection to the media during transport, as well as allowing the media to be transported again reusing the system. Specifically, the present invention includes, inter alia, an envelope having a sealing portion with a detachable portion and a reseal portion. After receiving the digital media, the recipient can reuse the envelope to send the digital media again simply by detaching the detachable portion, and resealing the envelope with the reseal portion. This aspect of the invention provides the recipient the convenience of not having to use another envelope to transport the digital media, either to another recipient or to the original sender of the digital media.

As the Examiner acknowledged, neither Panveno nor Brody contain any disclosure of detachable portion to an envelope. Colangelo fails to make up for the deficiencies of Panveno and Brody. Specifically, while Colangelo discloses an envelope having a foldable flap and an adhesive for sealing the envelope, the Examiner does not point to any portions of Colangelo that teach or suggest detachable lids. Indeed, Applicants respectfully submit that Colangelo simply does not contain any such teachings, or any suggestions of a resealable portion of a sealing portion. None of the references teach or suggest resealing the envelope after a detachable portion is removed, and such a feature is certainly not obvious in view of the references cited.

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the pending claims, as amended, are not obvious in view of any of the cited references, either individually or combined.

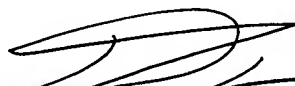
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. An early allowance is solicited. If the Examiner believes it would further advance the prosecution of the present application, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 562072000300.

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